

# Residential Parking Management Program

## BACKGROUND

In 1985, the City of Bellevue developed a Residential Parking Management Program. It was created to address neighborhood concerns with regard to the increased use of on-street parking by non-resident vehicles from adjacent businesses and downtown office buildings, or other major generators of vehicular parking, such as high schools and shopping malls.

There are two types of parking restrictions implemented through the Residential Parking Management Program. They are:

- General Parking Restrictions
- Residential Permit Parking Zones (RPZ)

## NEIGHBORHOOD ELIGIBILITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PARKING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A neighborhood is eligible for the program if spillover parking from adjacent businesses or other nearby parking generators is occurring with the following conditions:

1. at least 10% of the available parking supply is occupied
2. at least 50% of vehicles parked on the street are nonresident
3. the concern is along at least 1000 feet of blockface

**More information:** <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parking-management.html>  
<http://bellevuentss.wordpress.com>

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## THE BEST PARKING SOLUTION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD

### *General Parking Restrictions*

If residents within a neighborhood do not need on-street parking during the day, a general parking restriction (such as “No Parking Anytime”) will be the best option. With the “No Parking Anytime,” time-based (e.g. “No Parking 8 AM to 5 PM”), and other general restrictions, no decals or guest permits are issued. All vehicles, including those belonging to residents and their guests, are not allowed to park on the street during the time indicated on the signs. There are no exceptions.



If residents need on-street parking during the day, the RPZ program will provide the parking restrictions needed.

### *Residential Permit Parking Zones (RPZ)*

A Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) is an area established by a City ordinance to restrict non-residential parking on neighborhood streets. Essentially, it provides on-street parking, generally during business hours, for the residents who live on the street.

Residents whose property fronts the parking restrictions are eligible to park on the street once they apply for and receive RPZ decals and guest permits. All vehicles parked on the street during the hours of enforcement must display a valid permit to avoid being cited.



The program’s policy is that “on-street parking on residential streets should be limited to the use of the streets’ residents or their guests.”

# Steps for Implementing Residential Parking Zones (RPZ) or General Parking Restrictions—

1. Residents and/or community associations submit a Parking Review Request form describing the problem, probable cause, and signature of neighbors who agree there is a problem.
2. Staff assign a case number and let residents know of next steps
3. Transportation staff review the location to determine if it qualifies for the Residential Parking Management Program based on the eligibility guidelines.
4. If the area qualifies, staff make an initial determination on what type of parking restriction or other treatment is appropriate for the neighborhood. These include residential parking zones (RPZs), “No Parking Any Time” signs, limited no parking restrictions (e.g. 2-hour parking), or other landscaping or channelization improvements.
5. Staff send residents the results of the field review, analysis, and recommendation to solicit feedback.
6. Once feedback is received, staff prepare a ballot to garner support from the wider neighborhood. RPZs and limited no parking restrictions require 65% of all households to approve the restrictions. If “No Parking Any Time” restrictions (or other restrictions that fully restrict parking for all users for any amount of time) are proposed, 100% of all households must approve.
7. When complete, petitions are submitted to staff for review. If the signatures on the petition appear valid and demonstrate enough support, staff prepare a confirmation letter to residents about the restriction.
8. If 65% support is not received, an area must wait 12 months before applying again.
9. If 65% support is received, staff will take the proposal to the City Council for their review and approval. If approved, an Ordinance is recorded, signs are installed and residents are issued permits. Signs are placed within the City’s right-of-way, which occur along the frontage of homes. The number of signs installed is determined by staff to ensure the restrictions are enforceable. The ordinance takes approximately 30 days to become effective. Enforcement is provided by the Bellevue Police Department and is on a complaint basis or at an officer’s discretion.
10. Residents with homes abutting RPZ restrictions are eligible to receive decals for their personal vehicles, as well as up to 4 guest permits per home. There is no fee for the decals and visitor permits at this time.
11. Once parking restrictions are implemented, it would take 65% of households to request its removal, via petition. A ballot provided by the City will confirm the amount of support for RPZ removal.

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